

U.S. Army Sgt. Whitney Houston, Public Affairs Office, 25th Infantry Division, sits in a Stryker armored vehicle decorated with a hint of patriotism, Aug. 26, 2008.



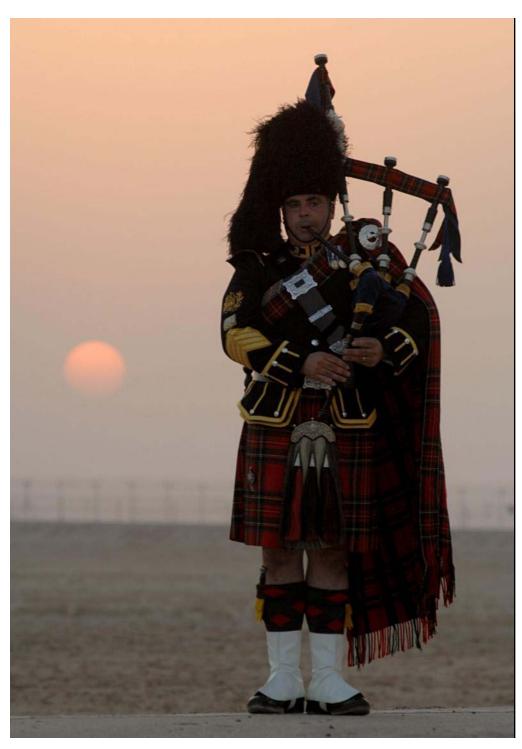
A U.S. Soldier from 66th Engineers Co., 25th Infantry Division, uses a flame thrower to engulf a field of reeds and high brush in flames, Aug. 26, 2008. U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers worked together in conducting a controlled fire near Tarmiyah, Iraq, to clear high brush so that a nearby Iraqi outpost has clear visibility of the surrounding area.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Conrad Vasquez of Honolulu, Hawaii, 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, observes as soldiers conduct marksmanship qualification at a firing range on Camp Taji, Iraq, Aug. 3, 2008.



British soldiers of J (Sidi Rezegh) Battery, 3rd Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, spend the early evening hours calibrating the AS90, 155 mm self-propelled gun at Multi-National Division – Southeast, Basra, Iraq on Aug. 28, 2008.



Royal Scots Dragoon Guards piper Maj. Ross Munro plays his pipes during sunset whilst based at the Contingent Operating Base (COB), Basra during Op TELIC 12. Major Munro played for Universal Music of London who are producing a CD including the sound of pipes and drums of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards for their second album on Aug. 22, 2008.

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U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force - Iraq, stops to speak to local children while touring the market in Abu Ghraib, Iraq on Aug. 2, 2008.

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An Iraq soldier helps an older Iraqi woman cross the street as U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force - Iraq, takes a tour of the market in Abu Ghraib, Iraq on Aug. 2, 2008.



A newly arrived tigers frolics around the water basin of their enclosure as they are debuted to the public at the Baghdad Zoo, Baghdad, Iraq on Aug. 8, 2008.



U.S. Marine Sgt. Brian Mendez, Headquarters Company, Regimental Combat Team 5, performs a flying arm bar during a jui-jitsu class for Marines and soldiers at Camp Ripper, Al Asad, Iraq on Aug. 21, 2008. Marines and soldiers participate in jui-jitsu as a way of staying active as well as maintaining a combat mindset.

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An Iraqi soldier from 3rd Battalion, 5th Brigade, 2nd Division, Military Transition Team makes friends with an Iraqi boy during a Cordon and Search in West Palestine, Mosul, Iraq on Aug. 23, 2008.



An Iraqi army band member plays his bagpipes during the opening of Jadriya Lake in Jamia, eastern Baghdad, Aug. 18, 2008. The opening was the capstone event of Karada Day, hosted by the Karada District Advisory Council.



Iraqi soldiers from the 8th Iraqi Army military police and private security detail units run wind sprints as part of an agility course during their morning physical training session Aug. 27, 2008, at Camp Echo, Iraq.



Iraqi soldiers link up with U.S. Soldiers to conduct a routine visit in a local neighborhood and market during a population engagement mission in Amariyah, Iraq on Aug. 5, 2008. The U.S. Soldiers are part of Commanche Troop, 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division.



U.S. Army Capt. Vincent Cesaro, a native of Chicago, Ill., comforts an Iraqi boy as a large shard of glass is removed from the bottom of his foot during a visit to the Iraqi Family Village in Baghdad, Iraq on Sep. 1, 2008. Cesaro is from Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. John Brennan, native of St. Louis, Mo., watches an Iraqi boy work on a computer in the computer classroom of Alethar Elementary School in Amariyah, Iraq on Aug. 12, 2008. The U.S. Soldier is part of Comanche Troop, 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division.



Iraqi female trainees practice marching drills as a part of training at the Kirkuk Iraqi Police Academy, Aug. 26, 2008.



Mohammed Kamis, dressed in an instructor uniform like his father, Iraqi Maj. Shahin Kamis, sits and waits for the first ever Ministry of Interior National Police Command class graduation ceremony to begin at Kirkuk's Iraqi Police Academy, Iraq, Aug. 6, 2008.

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